

A BENEFIT TO FARMERS.

Consolidation of Harvester Plants
Means the Continuation of Low
Prices to Buyers.

The benefits that will undoubtedly result to farmers from the recent incorporation of the International Harvester Company, which took over the business of the five leading harvester manufacturers have probably not been considered by a large portion of the farming community.

The economical necessity of a consolidation of the interests of manufacturers and those of their farmer customers must be apparent to any one who understands the present situation.

The increased and increasing cost of material, manufacturing and selling—the latter in consequence of extreme and bitter competition between manufacturers and their several selling agents—has made the business unprofitable.

The two alternatives left for the manufacturers were either the increasing of the prices of machines or the reduction of the cost of manufacture and sales. The latter could only be accomplished by concentrating the business in one company.

As can readily be seen, the forming of the new company was not a stock jobbing operation, but a centering of mutual interests. There is no watered stock; the capitalization is conservative and represented by actual and tangible assets. There is no stock offered to the public, it having all been subscribed and paid for by the manufacturers and their associations.

The management of the International Harvester Company is in the hands of well-known, experienced men.

The officers are: President, Cyrus H. McCormick; Chairman Executive Committee, Charles Deering; Chairman Finance Committee, George W. Perkins; Vice-Presidents, Harold F. McCormick, James Deering, Wm. H. Jones and John J. Glessner; Secretary and Treasurer, Richard F. Howe. The members of the Board of Directors are as follows: Cyrus Bentley, William Deering, Charles Deering, James Deering, Eldridge M. Fowler, E. H. Gary, John J. Glessner, Richard F. Howe, Abram M. Hyatt, William H. Jones, Cyrus H. McCormick, Harold F. McCormick, George W. Perkins, Norman B. Ream, Leslie N. Ward, Paul D. Cravath.

The International Harvester Company owns five of the largest harvester plants in existence, The Champion, Deering, McCormick, Milwaukee and Plano—plants that have been producing nearly or quite 90 per cent. of the harvesting machines of the world.

It also owns timber and coal lands, blast furnaces and a steel plant; it has a new factory in process of construction in Canada.

It is believed that the cost of producing grain, grass and corn harvesting machines will be so reduced that the present low prices can be continued, and that consequently the results cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the farmer. To maintain the present prices of these machines means to continue and increase the development of the agriculture of the world, for no one cause has contributed or can contribute more to this development than the cheapness of machines for harvesting grains.

PROPHECY OF GLADSTONE.

One That the Grand Old Man Made
Many Years Ago Which
Has Come True.

Prophecies, even when the prophets are politicians, sometimes come true, says the St. James Gazette. Here is a notable Gladstone utterance which we can now look back upon as quite prophetic. Speaking or writing 25 years ago of the "menace which, in the prospective development of her resources, America offers to the commercial pre-eminence of England," the grand old man predicted that America, and America alone, "can, and probably will, wrest from us that commercial primacy. We have no title, I have no inclination, to murmur at the prospect. If she acquires it, she will make the acquisition by the right of the strongest; but, in this instance, the strongest means the best. She will probably become what we are now, the head servant in the great household of the world, the employer of all employed; because her service will be the most and ablest. We have no more title against her than Venice, Genoa or Holland has had against us."

Draw for Partners.

Parisian hostesses have invented a new method of dealing with one of the principal difficulties incident to dinner parties—that of pairing off the guests. On arriving in the drawing-room the guests find two baskets of flowers. Hidden in the blossoms are numbered tickets. The men are requested to shut their eyes, put a hand into one basket, adorned with forget-me-nots or some other blue flower, and pull out a card. The ladies perform a like ceremony, drawing their tickets from a bower of pink blossoms, generally roses. The corresponding numbers then look for each other, and, having sorted themselves out, pair off and go in to dinner.

Great Britain Is Small.

Great Britain is only half as big as Sumatra, and double the size of Newfoundland. It stands fifth in point of size in the list of the world's islands. England, without Wales, is almost identical in point of size with Roumania. It is less than one-quarter as big as France or Germany. The whole British Isles occupy only one-sixteenth part of the surface of the globe.



Recognized It.

"And the brigands," said the man who was telling the story, "after writing me several letters demanding a ransom for my wife, sent me a lady finger as a proof that they really held her captive."

"Terrible! Terrible!" sighed his hearers.

"Yes, wasn't it?" he blithely said. "She got them to let her try several other things, but they soon sent her home and gave up all thought of ransom, for they couldn't stand her cooking at all. But as soon as they sent that lady finger I knew it was her work. It was hard as a rock, and had brigand toothmarks all over it."—Baltimore American.

Quite Unbiased.

A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago and the thief, being apprehended, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so and then delivered himself thus:

"Owing to a personal prejudice, the court will not hear this case. It will be tried by the bailiff, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts."

"In the meantime," added his honor, impressively, "the court will go outside and prepare a rope and pick out a good tree."—Chicago Journal.

His Little Deal.

"Ha, ha!" exclaimed the summer boarder; "you actually bought a gold brick?"

"Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel, as he took the specimen tenderly and laid it on the mantel shelf. "All the city folks that came here expected to see one. It seemed like they wouldn't believe I was a regular farmer unless I could show a gold brick. So I went to town and this was offered me. I gave the fellow \$99 in confederate money and a Canada quarter, which is cheaper than I could have made one myself."—Washington Star.

Two Mistakes.

"Instead of being a millionaire," confided the young man at the seaside hotel to the beautiful heiress "I believe it is only honest, now that we are engaged, for me to tell you that I am the floor walker at Cushman & Skinn's, dry goods emporium in New York."

"I thought there was something familiar about you," answered the beautiful heiress. "I am in the ribbon department there."—Baltimore American.

Their Advantages.

The clouds float airy all day;
The zephyrs sport upon the sea;
The ripples pass their time at play;
The brooks go singing to the sea.
While I work on—and that's the way
Those things are different from me.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

NO DIFFICULTY.



George—Your father asked me if I thought I could support you in the style to which you have been accustomed.

Mabel—What did you say?
George—I said I could, so long as my credit was good.—Chicago American.

Falseness and Truth.

The chap who is a gifted liar
May oft amuse, yet rouse our ire;
But he who always tells the truth
Affects us like a serpent's tooth.
—Philadelphia Record.

Same Thing.

Bragg—Miss Pepprey acted as if she thought I was conceited. Did she say so?

Miss Sharpe—No, she merely said your greatest fault was your unlimited credulity.

Bragg—Indeed?
Miss Sharpe—Yes, she said you believed in yourself without sufficient reason.—Philadelphia Press.

The Gauge of Fun.

"Did he have a good time on his vacation?"

"Did he? Well, say! If you could see the blisters on his hands and the way his nose is peeling you wouldn't ask any such foolish question."—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Kentucky Conversation.

"Mos' strange case, cunnel," said Maj. Giddley, looking up from his paper. "Hyuh's a story about a pussion down east who was undeh watch foh half an hou', an' was finally resuscitated by the doctahs afteh fo' hor's wo'k."

"Suttlenly strange," assented the colonel, pausing in the preparation of an appetizer, "but, suh, yo' mus' acknowledge that it would have been utterly impossible to have saved that pussion had he had the watch inside of him. It was only the fact, suh, that the dange'ous element was on the exterior of his body that enabled the doctahs to fetch him to life again, suh."—Baltimore American.

Evolution.

"Strike for your altars and your fires," They said in that historic day,
Time has remodeled men's desires,
And now they strike for better pay.
—Washington Star.

SO VERY PRUDENT.



"Economize, my boy—economize—if yer wants to get on. See this 'ere bit o' soap—I've 'ad it for 12 months!"—Ally Sloper.

His Epitaph.

Here lies one who for fifty years,
Appreciated nature's bounty;
For, though a little man, he was
The biggest eater in the county.
—Chicago Tribune.

A Fortunate Mistake.

Hewitt—Gruet and his brother were sick at the same time; they had different diseases, but neither was expected to live; in fact, the doctor gave both up.
Jewett—And yet both recovered?
Hewitt—Yes, owing to an accident.
Jewett—What was that?
Hewitt—Their medicines got mixed, and Gruet took his brother's and his brother took his.—Brooklyn Life.

Went as He Had Come.

At the finish of a football match recently a youngster, in his hurry to get out, scrambled over the paling that surrounds the ground.
A burly policeman, standing by, shouted to him as he was about to drop outside: "You young rascal, why don't you go out the way you came in?"
"So I am," shouted the boy as he vanished into the crowd.—Tit-Bits.

A Decided Gump.

Dora—Mr. Niccelfello seems to have a bad cold.
Clara—Well, it's his own fault. When he called last evening he sat down on a chair way off by himself, although there was loads of room on the sofa. Then, to give him an excuse for moving, I complained of the heat, and opened the window behind him, but there he stayed, like a gump, the whole evening.—N. Y. Weekly.

It Was Ever Thus.

Some time after ten had been counted the defeated pugilist revived sufficiently to be interviewed.
"I shall never fight again," he said, "but the next time I get into the ring with that slob I'll knock his block off. I was fairly beaten, and my opponent showed great skill and tremendous hitting power, although it was a chance blow and I was doped."—Toledo Bee.

The Importance of Numbers.

"What do you regard as the most important element of a young man's education?"

"Arithmetic," answered Senator Sorghum. "You can employ somebody to do your reading or your writing. But when it comes to figuring out expenses or profits, you want to give the subject your close personal attention."—Washington Star.

A Waste of Breath.

Miss Kulcher—You can always tell a woman who has enjoyed the benefits of higher education.

Mr. Crabbe—Not much! You can't tell her anything; she thinks she knows it all.—Catholic Standard and Times.

HE REMOVED THE BODY.

The Stage Villain Does a Little Bit
of Original Work at a Critical Moment.

Many scenes "not down on the bills" are enacted on the stage of the theater and some of them are humorous in the extreme. One night in a sensational drama Mr. Sparling, an English actor of considerable note, had to be shot at the end of the first act and die with much promptness "down stage." He was on a platform about twenty inches of an ordinary billiard table, and, being a youth of many inches, died so far forward that the curtain could not be lowered without leaving his legs exposed to view. "Pull your legs in!" hissed the hideously innapropriate stage manager from the wings. But the dead man was far too conscientious and realistic to play so vile a trick upon Dramatic Art—with both its capitals—and so laid placid and stiff. (As Mr. Sparling afterward explained to the stage manager: "Dead men don't pull in their legs.")

The curtain might have been up now had it not been for the presence of mind of the "heavy man," who had previously done the deed, for he walked across the stage in a couple of strides—in spite of having already made good his final escape from justice—and, contemplating the body for a moment with arms folded and one leg forward, after the fashion of the cardboard brigands of old, exclaimed: "Ha, ha! he is dead! But now to remove the body higher up, that suspicion may not rest on me!" Whereupon he lugged the murdered mariner up the stage a couple of yards—at the same time looking up to see that the curtain would clear the corpse's feet—and once more fled from the scene of the tragedy.

The Chicago & Alton Railway has established an Employment Bureau, the purpose of which is to recruit employees from among the people living along the line of the Alton Road. The head of the Bureau meets citizens living in towns upon and adjacent to the line of the Alton Railway for the purpose of getting in touch with young men of good habits and high character who would like to become employees.

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The Man and His Theory.

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Moral—Theories are likely to explode, with terrible consequences.—N. Y. Herald.

Good Openers.

"George certainly has very strong hands," said his mother-in-law grudgingly, as she watched him unscrew the top from a can of preserves which had stubbornly withstood his young wife's efforts.
"Hasn't he, though?" cried his young bride, admiringly. "Now I know what he meant when he spoke in his sleep last night about having such a beautiful pair of openers."—Gentleman's Magazine.

His Good Position.

"So you ran across Dingbat in New York, did you? Has he a good position there?"
"He had when I saw him last. He was sitting in a hammock with the daughter of a big banker."—Baltimore Sun.

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One on the Old Man—"Honestly, my son," said the old millionaire congressman, "is the best policy." "What, perhaps it is?" rejoined the youthful philosopher, "but it strikes me you have done pretty well, nevertheless."—Chicago Daily News.

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THE MARKETS.

Cincinnati, Aug. 30.		
CATTLE—Common	3 25	@ 4 65
Choice steers	6 35	@ 7 00
CALVES—Extra	6 35	@ 7 75
HOGS—Ch. packers	7 25	@ 7 35
Mixed packers	7 00	@ 7 20
SHEEP—Extra	2 75	@ 3 00
LAMBS—Extra	5 60	@ 5 75
FLOUR—Spring pat.	3 75	@ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 71
No. 3 red		@ 67
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 29
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	28	@ 53½
RYE—No. 2		@ 12 75
HAY—Ch. tim' new.		@ 19 00
PORK—Clear cut	18 00	@ 19 00
LARD—Steam		@ 10 50
BUTTER—Ch. dairy.		@ 12
Choice creamery		@ 21
APPLES—Choice	75	@ 1 50
POTATOES—Per bbl		@ 1 25
TOBACCO—New	3 00	@ 11 00
Old	7 95	@ 16 00

Chicago.		
FLOUR—Win. patent	3 40	@ 3 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	69½	@ 70
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	56	@ 56½
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	33½	@ 33½
RYE—No. 2		@ 51
PORK—Mess	16 85	@ 16 95
LARD—Steam		@ 10 40

New York.		
FLOUR—Win. st's.	3 40	@ 3 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 74½
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 64½
OATS—No. 2 mixed	34	@ 37
RYE—Western		@ 60½
PORK—Mess	17 75	@ 18 75
LARD—Steam		@ 11 10

Baltimore.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 72½
Southern—Sample.		@ 72½
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 46½
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	31½	@ 32
CATTLE—Butchers	5 50	@ 6 00
HOGS—Western	8 10	@ 8 20

Louisville.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 69
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 63½
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 29
PORK—Mess		@ 17 00
LARD—Steam		@ 10 25

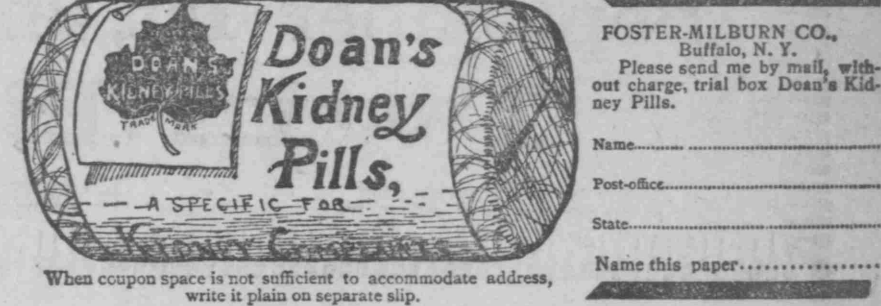
Indianapolis.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 68
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 60
OATS—No. 2 white.	27½	@ 28

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